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SUBJ: SUCCSSSION TO ASYG POST OF ROBERT RYAN (US),

ASYG FOR GENERAL SERVICES (OGS)

1. ON JUNE 24 SYG WALDHEIM NAMED AMERICAN CLAYTON TIMBRELL (D-2) OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES UPON THE RETIREMENT OF ROBERT RYAN ON JUNE 30. TIMBRELL, WHO WAS RYAN'S DEPUTY, IS A CAREER UN STAFF MEMBER WHO HAS BEEN IN THE SECRETARIAT SINCE JULY, 1946.

2. TIMBRELL WAS TOLD BY WALDHEIM THAT HE SHOULD NOT COUNT ON ASSIGNMENT FOR MORE THAN SIX MONTHS SINCE ANOTHER PERSON IS LIKELY TO BE NAMED AS RYAN'S SUCCESSOR DUE TO PROBABLE OTHER HIGH-LEVEL CHANGES BEING MADE BY END OF YEAR IN THE SYG'S CABINET.

3. TIMBRELL WITH WIDESPREAD INTERNAL SUPPORT, INCLUDING THAT OF UN STAFF COMITE, HAD ASPIRED TO BEING PROMOTED INTO RYAN'S ASYG SLOT AND EXPRESSED TO MISOFF OPENLY HIS UNHAPPINESS OVER TURN OF EVENTS BUT AGREED TO ASSIGNMENT QTE SINCE THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE UNQTE AT  
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4. MISOFF LEARNED INDEPENDENTLY FROM ANOTHER SECRETARIAT SOURCE THAT WALDHEIM WAS CONSIDERING FOUR AMERICANS FROM OUTSIDE UN FOR THE RYAN JOB. HOWEVER BECAUSE OF WALDHEIM'S CONCERN ABOUT HIS IMAGE IN THE US, HE WAS THINKING OF TRADING OFF OGS/ASYG POST TO NAME AN AMERICAN AS HEAD OF

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION.

5. SINCE BEGINNING OF UN ALL SYGS (LIE, HAMMARSKJOLD, U THANT AND WALDHEIM) HAVE APPOINTED AND CONTINUED A US NATIONAL AS ASG FOR GENERAL SERVICES, WHICH POSITION HAS BEEN CONSIDERED OUTSIDE OF GEOGRAPHIC CONSIDERATIONS GOVERNING USYG AND ASYG POSTS IN THE UN. WALDHEIM'S CHANGE OF HEART APPARENTLY IS DICTATED BY HIS DESIRE TO SHIFT THE INFORMATION JOB TO AN AMERICAN IN ATTEMPT TO DEFLECT CRITICISM OF UN WITHIN US. 1978-79 UN PROGRAM BUDGET CONTAINS PROPOSAL TO UP-GRADE OPI POST FROM ASYG TO USYG (WHICH IS LIKELY TO BE APPROVED BY UPCOMING UNGA). WALDHEIM HAS PROMISED JAPANESE THEY WILL BE GIVEN A UNSYG JOB (PROBABLY THROUGH THE PROMOTION OF AKATANI). REGARDLESS OF WHETHER JAPANESE OR ANOTHER NATIONALITY HEADS OPI, LATTER DEPARTMENT WILL NOT GET STRAIGHTENED OUT UNLESS HEADED BY STRONG MANAGERIAL TYPE WHO CAN COMMAND AUTHORITY FROM WALDHEIM TO CLEAN HOUSE AND RID OPI OF DEAD WOOD AS WELL AS HAVE WWLDHEIM'S BACKING TO BUILD STRONG OPI ADMINISTRATION.

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